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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph.

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/099,810, filed March 15, 2002, entitled "Pump System With Vacuum Source which[[This application]] is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/907,193, filed July 17, 2001, entitled "Pump System with Vacuum Source" which is a Divisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/531,631 filed on March 21, 2000, entitled "Pump System with Vacuum Source" which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/125,559, filed May 22, 1999, and entitled "Pump Assembly and Related Components".